

GIANT POWDER EXPLOSION.
AN EAST-SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD MADE
TO THINK OF EARTHQUAKES.

Loss of Life Prevented by a Warning Curl of Smoke—Havoc Among Window Panes—The Cause a Mystery—A Foreman Locked Up.
A loud explosion, followed by the crashing

of hundreds of window panes, alarmed the neighborhood of Seventy-third street and Second avenue yesterday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. when a massive explosion near the north side of the street caused a major earthquake. About seven pounds of grain powder had exploded.

For several years blasting has been going on in the vicinity. At present Patrick Farley, brother of ex-Alderman Farley, and one of the oldest and best-known contractors in the city, is excavating the foundations for a row of buildings on the north side of Seventy-third street, near Second avenue. About thirty men are employ-

The rock is hard, and grout powder was used. It was "thawed," ready for use, by being placed in a bucket of water, and then poured into a tin into which, but water was poured. The thawed powder is exploded by a granite battery.

Foreman Michael Monaghan, who had charged the dynamite, after the explosion, told the Italian laborer, whose name he does not know, that he started on the thawing out of the grout powder by pouring water over it. The powder exploded on the sidewalk. Monaghan had gone to the rock, expecting the Italian to bring him the powder. He saw the explosion, and he was thrown into the air. He said the powder was smoking. Then he knew there was to be an explosion and he warned the Italian to get out of the way.

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houses in the vicinity. The rear windows of the row of houses on the south side of Seventy-third street were broken in. The windows of the houses on the north side of the street were not broken.

In some cases the whole sash was blown in. These buildings were on the same block, with the exception of one, which was on the corner of the row on the west side of Second avenue, on the same block, suffered similar damage. Many of the houses on the north side of Seventy-third street, on either side of Seventy-third street, from Third avenue down to the scene of the accident, were broken in.

There were no injuries to persons in the houses on Second avenue from 1336 to 1415, on both sides of the street, and in the rear bay windows of houses on Seventy-third street from 1291 to 1391. The persons suffered slight bruises from the fire.

Better Bonds and a New Bridge Wanted.
The Fordham Heights Improvement Association of the Twenty-fourth Ward adopted, at a recent meeting, a resolution calling upon the Park Commissioners to take immediate measures for the construction of the Fordham Heights bridge, and for the improvement of the bridge, near the residence of the late William B. Oodes. The land for the approaches was bought and paid for years ago. The bridge would save the long circuit by the Fordham Heights turnpike, and would be a great benefit to the neighborhood.

railroad station at 16th Street. The association appointed L. F. Fairchild, S. K. Rikley, and F. S. Dowe a committee to urge this subject upon the Park Commissioners. The committee consisted of L. F. Fairchild, S. K. Rikley, F. S. Dowe, W. H. Whitledge, and John B. Heston. A committee to urge the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment to increase \$25,000 the amount asked for by the Park Commissioners, the annual appropriation for working and improving all the roads in the annexed district. The Board has appropriated \$200,000 for similar objects south of the H. H. H. station, and the same amount for the improvement of trails, including the municipal parkways.

Brooklyn's Eleven Park Lands.

Mayor Howell of Brooklyn yesterday sent to the Common Council a message calling attention to a communication from the Parks Commissioners asking for authority to expend \$200,000 in grading and draining the Prospect Park and the City Park. The Parks Commissioners have been told by the Mayor, says that the depressed surface of the City Park is a serious menace to the health of the city and of leaving the surface will involve more than covered by the cost of the work. The Mayor has also referred to the Committee on Grading and Paving. It is referred to Mayor to start the work at once.

Teachers Overpaid by Accident.

It was discovered yesterday that as an unexpected result of action initiated by the accounts of the Brooklyn Board of Education the teachers have been overpaid \$1,000. It was found that the teachers had been paid for the first three months of the year in two full months. The error was discovered by the board of education yesterday. The board of education is now endeavoring to correct the error by deducting the amount overpaid from the salaries of the teachers for the next three months. The board of education is now endeavoring to correct the error by deducting the amount overpaid from the salaries of the teachers for the next three months.

Decorative Sea-Side's Cuts.

Ex-Senator Jacob Seeburner took off his coat and overcoat in the right school at Jackson and Front streets, while unpassing, on the evening of Oct. 4. There was \$110 in one of the pockets of the overcoat. The coats were stolen, and the Senator had Thomas O'Seal of 285 Madison street arrested. O'Seal pleaded guilty yesterday in the general sessions. Judge Cowing sen-

In a Negro Burglar's Clutches.
Mrs. Mary Slater of 4 Catharine lane saw a big negro ransacking her bureau drawers at noon yesterday. She screamed, and the negro caught her by the throat and choked her. Her cries drew the neighbors. The negro drew a heavy slung shot and fought his way out. Police-man Gordon arrested him. The slau-

114,769 German Emigrants.
Consul Grinnell of Bremen informs the Department of State, under date of Nov. 2, that the number of emigrants leaving Bremen for the United States in 1904 was 114,769, of whom 24,224 were Americans, and 69,270 were natives of New York. The total number of native emigrants from Bremen for the United States from 1894 to 1903 was 389,041, and 114,769.

Commissioner Marble's Designation.
Edgar M. Marble, Commissioner of Patents yesterday tendered his resignation, in answer to the De-

Mr. Varile is going to meet him. (Leave two appointments as Land Commissioner for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.)

The Signal Office Prediction.

Generally cloudy weather and light rains, increased to hard rain. Winds, from easterly, lower temperature.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Robert Shelton MacKenzie died last evening in Philadelphia.

Lake Superior is reported to be nearly frozen over.

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THE HON. ADMIRAL GORDON B. COLEMAN, U. S. N., is shown in the center of the group. He is surrounded by other members of the Navy, including the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, Mr. C. M. Smith, and the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, Mr. C. M. Smith. The group is standing in front of a large building, possibly the Navy Department.

Irish Meyer, charged with complicity in the murder of Dr. and Rachel Kitzler, was arrested in Fresno, Calif., on the 10th of Dec. 1937. It is stated that he has been under the alias of Monte, Nick. There has been a rumor among the underworld that Meyer was the one who shot Mr. Kintzler.